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Iraqi Government Taking Hold

HABBANIYAH, Iraq – The newly established Iraqi government is beginning to take ownership and responsibility of its municipalities.

The Iraqi transitional government has made significant strides in improving their organization and management. The district manager of Habbaniyah and his subordinate director generals are becoming more accountable for the infrastructure projects and community issues within the region. The improvement is evident to coalition forces.

With the coalition forces directing the citizens of Habbaniyah to the district manager's office, things are beginning to look up. The Iraqis are lessening their dependence on US and like forces for restoration of basic resources and necessities – a step in the right direction. The governing system is beginning to take hold. The director of public works who oversees the areas of electricity, telecommunications, and sewage, to name a few, has been meeting weekly with coalition advisors in order to help the process along.

The coalition Soldiers have reported a considerable drop in individuals requesting direct support from the US and like entities in and around Habbaniyah. A noticeable shift from asking coalition forces for parts and labor, to asking simply to provide security for the project shows the Iraqis are taking initiative. The citizens are beginning to utilize the proper channels in order to improve their infrastructure.

This has been a long-awaited transition towards self-reliance. It is still a long way away, but the goal is for the Iraqi government and its people to attain a state of self-sufficiency with little to no dependence on foreign entities.